



Replacing Snaps

with the Top-Snapper™ Snap Setter

If you are replacing a broken snap:

Remove the old snap if it is still in place - it may just pull apart or you may need to remove it depending on how it failed. If you need to remove it, you should see that there is a hollow post that runs from the dome through the female part of the snap; the hollow post has been deformed to rivet the two pieces together. Take a drill with a drill bit slightly larger than the center of the hollow post, place the snap on a firm surface and fix it in place. We use vice grips to hold the dome. If you don't secure the dome, it will spin under the bit and may damage the canvas. Use all safety precautions for using a drill. Place the point of the bit in the hole of the post, and carefully drill, this should cut away the lip that holds the snap together.

Set the new snap socket with the Snap Setter

1. Measure carefully to determine the exact spot to place the snap and make a small hole, or use the hole left after removing an existing snap.
2. Adjust snap setter so that the punch on the upper jaw meets the anvil on the lower jaw.
3. Place the hollow post of the boat snap through the hole in your canvas.
4. Place the snap dome on the concave anvil of the snap setter.
5. Place the female fitting over the hollow post. Canvas should now be sandwiched between the snap halves.
6. Make sure that the snap halves are on the correct side of the canvas.
7. Squeeze the handles hard to set snap. The handles should "snap" closed when snap is riveted closed.
8. Inspect the snap to make sure the edges of the post has rolled over enough so the snap connects firmly.



If you need to change a male portion of a snap in the canvas:

Follow the same directions except:

- Use a male half and a flat backing plate with post instead of the dome and female snap half.
- Flip the die over and place the flat snap back into the round recessed area rather than the concave bowl side.

Installing a new snap:

If you are installing a new snap, you will want to locate the exact spot on the canvas where you want your snap positioned. Punch or cut a small hole in the canvas to allow the post to go through. Otherwise you will follow the same basic procedures outlined above for replacing a snap.